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SUBJECT: GAMASY'S STATEMENT TO ASU COMMITTEE

1. DEP PRIMIN AND MINWAR GAMASY MET JULY 24 WITH ASU ARAB CAUSE AND FOREIGN POLICY COMMITTEE. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS AS REPORTED IN CAIRO PRESS.

A. ARMS REPLACEMENT. EGYPT NOW HAS AMMUNITION IN EXCESS OF HER NEEDS. AFTER OCTOBER WAR, USSR STOPPED SUPPLYING ANY ARMS BUT RECENTLY AGREED TO DELIVER ARMS PREVIOUSLY CONTRACTED FOR.

B. US OBSERVATION POINTS IN SINAI. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, GAMASY SAID NO AGREEMENTS EXIST BETWEEN US AND AMERICA OR ISRAEL ABOUT SUCH POINTS. INFORMATION WE RECEIVE IS FROM MEDIA. WHEN SUBJECT IS OFFICIALLY RAISED, THEN WE CAN DISCUSS IT.

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EGYPTIAN ARMY. ARMED FORCES NEED 100,000 VOLUNTEERS. GAMASY APPEALED TO QTE POLITICAL COMMANDS UNQTE TO LAUNCH ENLISTMENT CAMPAIGN.

D. UNEF MANDATE RENEWAL. STATE OF HIGH ALERT WAS DECLARED WHEN POLITICAL DECISION WAS TAKEN TO NOT RENEW MANDATE. SINCE JULY 23, SITUATION HAS RETURNED TO NORMAL IN ARMY. ASKED WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF MANDATE HAD NOT BEEN RENEWED AND UNEF WITHDRAWN, GAMASY SAID WAR WOULD HAVE BROKEN OUT AT ONCE.

E. NUCLEAR WEAPONS. INTRODUCTION OF ATOMIC ARMS INTO AREA IS GRAVE MATTER. NEVERTHELESS, IF ISRAEL SEEKS USE SUCH WEAPONS, QTE WE HAVE WHAT WE CAN USE FOR TOTAL DESTRUCTION THOUGH DESTRUCTION OF THIS AREA WOULD BE COMPLETE. UNQTE

F. LIBYA. QTE HUGH UNQTE LIBYAN ARMS DEAL (WITH USSR) CONSTITUTES DIRECT THREAT TO EGYPT. EGYPT IS GUARDING ALL FRONTS INCLUDING THE WESTERN DESERT.

2. COMMENT: GAMASY'S REMARKS WERE CLEARLY CAREFULLY CONSIDERED AND WE FIND NOTHING STARTLING IN THEM.

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